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LEGAL NOTICE OF DRAFT RECORD OF DECISION AND OPPORTUNITY TO FILE AN OBJECTION

Uinta Basin Railway Project

USDA Forest Service, Ashley National Forest, Duchesne County, Utah

The Seven County Coalition applied to the Surface Transportation Board to construct, operate and maintain the Uinta Basin Railway (UBR). The UBR is proposed as an approximately 88-mile single-track rail line to connect the Uinta Basin (the Basin) to the existing interstate rail network. The proposed rail line would extend from two terminus points in the Basin near Myton, Utah, and Leland Bench, Utah, to a proposed connection with the existing Union Pacific (UP) Provo Subdivision near Kyune, Utah. The Surface Transportation Board (STB) is the lead agency for conducting and completing the environmental analysis for the Project, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The US Forest Service (USFS) participated as a cooperating agency for the NEPA process for the Project. The NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.3) specify that a cooperating agency may adopt, without recirculating, the environmental impact statement (EIS) of a lead agency when their review of the EIS concludes that its comments, suggestions, and requirements have been satisfied. The USFS has adopted the final EIS of the STB for this project. A draft Record of Decision has been completed and is now available for review, in conjunction with the final EIS. The Responsible Official is Susan Eickhoff, Forest Supervisor, Ashley National Forest. The draft Record of Decision and the final EIS are available for review online at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56603>. The documents can also be reviewed in person by appointment at the Ashley National Forest Supervisor's Office. For more information about the project, contact Kristy Groves, US Forest Service, by email at Kristy.groves@usda.gov or by phone (435) 781-5203. The draft Record of Decision will determine whether a special use permit (SUP) for construction, operation and maintenance of the rail line will be granted across NFS lands, and what conditions would accompany the SUP, if granted. The draft Record of Decision also identifies a project-specific amendment to a visual quality standard in the Land Management Plan for the Ashley National Forest. The draft Record of Decision affects only those lands in the Project area administered by the Ashley National Forest Planning Area. Other cooperating agencies may issue separate decisions on whether to grant a ROW for lands under their jurisdiction, based on analyses contained in the final EIS. The Agency Preferred Alternative will cross a portion of the Ashley National Forest Planning Area for a total corridor length of approximately 12 miles. The alternative also describes the necessary ancillary facilities that would be needed to operate and maintain the railway including power distribution lines, bridges, tunnels, and safety facilities. The draft decision

for the project and activities are subject to the pre-decisional objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Objections will only be accepted from individuals or organizations who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during designated opportunities for public comment, in accordance with 36 CFR 218.5(a). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project, unless based on new information arising after designated opportunities. Objections submitted must meet the minimum requirements set out in 36 CFR 218.8(b). Written objections, including any attachments, must be sent via regular mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, or express delivery within 45 days following the publication date of the legal notice of draft Record of Decision in the newspaper of record for the affected forest. Send mail, courier, or delivery services to: Objection Reviewing Officer, USDA-Forest Service Intermountain Region, 324 25th Street, Ogden, UT 84401. The Reviewing Officer is the Regional Forester of the Intermountain Region. Electronic objections must be submitted in a format such as an email message, .pdf, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc or .docx) to: objections-intermtn-regional-office@fs.fed.us. Faxed appeals should be sent to 801-625-5277. Due to pandemic circumstances, hand delivered objections may be made through specific arrangement and scheduling with the Intermountain Region Objections Coordinator, who may be reached at 801-625-5808 or via email at the address immediately above. Objectors are responsible for ensuring that their objection is received in a timely manner (36 CFR 218.9). The publication date of the legal notice of draft Record of Decision in the newspaper of record for the affected forest, is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection to this draft decision. Persons wishing to object to this draft decision should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. Extensions of the objection period are not permitted (36 CFR 218.6). When the objection filing period has ended and responses have been made to all objections by the reviewing officer, the responsible official may make a final decision on the proposed Project. The reviewing officer shall issue a written response to objectors within 45 days following the end of this objection-filing period (this response period may also be extended by the reviewing officer up to 30 days (36 CFR 218.26)).

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